## Amendments to the specification

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35 On page 32, please delete the abstract and replace it with the following:

-- The invention provides substituted quinoxalines having the general formulas

$$R_1$$
 $R_2$ 
 $N$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $R_4$ 

and

$$R_1$$
 $R_2$ 
 $N$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $N$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $R_4$ 

where  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  are, inter alia, alkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl groups; Z is NH or O; and X is, inter alia, COOH or CONH2. The compounds of the invention have antiviral and immunomodulatory activity and are useful for treating infectious diseases, particularly viral infections. --